

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey, on March 15, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 422
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)
Sen. Dee Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Pat Connell (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Jameson Walker, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 393, 3/13/2017; HB 449, 3/2/2017; HB 500, 3/2/2017

00:00:01 Chair Buttrey

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON COMMITTEE BILL

00:00:44 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved to draft a committee bill to allow Montana to become compliant with the Real ID Act.

Discussion:

00:01:00 Sen. Facey

00:01:18 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:01:24 Chair Buttrey

00:01:32 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:01:43 Chair Buttrey

HEARING ON HB 500

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:26 Rep. Adam Hertz (R), HD 96, opened the hearing on HB 500. Generally revise public accountant laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:51 Rick Reisig, CPA, Great Falls

[EXHIBIT\(bus54a01\)](#)

00:10:43 Holly Franz, Montana Society of CPAs (MSCPA)

[EXHIBIT\(bus54a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:52 Sen. Brown

00:13:56 Ms. Franz, MSCPA

00:14:30 Sen. Connell

00:17:06 Ms. Franz

00:17:25 Sen. Brown

00:17:49 Ms. Franz

Closing by Sponsor:

00:18:13 Sen. Hertz

00:19:00 Chair Buttrey

00:19:05 Sen. Vuckovich

HEARING ON HB 393

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:19:11 Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB 393. Revising curriculum hours for schools of barbering and cosmetology.

[EXHIBIT\(bus54a03\)](#)

Chair Buttrey left the hearing. Vice Chair Brown assumed the role of chair.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:22:56 Scott Boulanger, Montana Association of Beauty Schools

[EXHIBIT\(bus54a04\)](#)

00:26:49 Charity McCullough, owner, Academy of Cosmetology (AC), Bozeman
00:29:01 Nicole King, senior administrator, Bold Beauty Academy (BBA), Billings
00:31:07 Johnathan Fishbaugh, Bold Beauty Academy
00:33:56 Raquel Oppenborn, cosmetologist
00:35:06 Rep. Zolnikov
00:35:21 Tabitha Juarez, Montana Bold Beauty Academy
00:36:35 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony:

00:37:49 Misty DeLeon, cosmetologist, owner, Salon Avalon (SA)

[EXHIBIT\(bus54a05\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:44:37 Sen. Facey
00:44:42 Ms. DeLeon, SA
00:45:27 Chair Brown
00:45:33 Ms. DeLeon
00:45:38 Sen. Facey
00:46:30 Ms. McCullough, AC
00:46:55 Sen. Smith
00:49:48 Ms. McCullough

Sen. Buttrey entered the hearing.

00:50:26 Chair Brown
00:50:53 Ms. McCullough redirect
00:51:36 Chair Brown
00:53:03 Ms. King, BBA
00:53:10 Sen. Small

00:53:41 Ms. McCullough redirect
00:55:08 Ms. King
00:55:21 Sen. Buttrey
00:56:56 Rep. Zolnikov
00:57:21 Sen. Buttrey
00:57:26 Sen. Connell

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:28 Rep. Zolnikov

Chair Brown left the hearing. Sen. Buttrey assumed the role of chair.

01:01:21 Chair Buttrey

01:01:51 Recess

01:25:30 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 449

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:25:41 Rep. Wylie Galt (R), HD 30, opened the hearing on HB 449. Revise the definition of wages in workers' compensation insurance.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:26:35 Lanie White, ranch owner

[EXHIBIT\(bus54a06\)](#)

01:31:10 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association

01:33:18 Chelcie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

Opponents' Testimony:

01:35:36 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association

[EXHIBIT\(bus54a07\)](#)

Sen. Brown returned to the hearing.

01:40:12 Chris Cavazos, American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)

01:40:54 Eric Strauss, administrator, Employee Relations Division, Department of Labor and Industry (DOL)

Informational Testimony:

01:41:34 Kevin Braun, Montana State Fund (MSF)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:41:51	Sen. Facey
01:42:30	Mr. Braun, MSF
01:43:10	Sen. Facey
01:43:26	Mr. Strauss, DOL
01:43:43	Sen. Brown
01:44:19	Mr. Strauss
01:45:00	Sen. Facey
01:45:40	Mr. Strauss redirect
01:47:18	Mr. Braun
01:47:23	Sen. Facey
01:47:55	Mr. Cavazos, AFL-CIO
01:48:09	Sen. Brown
01:48:43	Rep. Galt
01:49:03	Sen. Connell
01:51:13	Mr. Braun
01:51:18	Chair Buttrey
01:51:38	Mr. Braun
01:51:52	Sen. Brown
01:52:50	Mr. Braun
01:53:14	Sen. Connell
01:53:55	Mr. Braun
01:54:42	Sen. Salomon
01:54:47	Rep. Galt
01:55:10	Chair Buttrey
01:55:14	Rep. Galt

Closing by Sponsor:

01:55:38	Rep. Galt
01:55:48	Chair Buttrey
01:56:26	Sen. Vance

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:58 AM

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([bus54aad.pdf](#))